

PATENT TO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, GLACIER COUNTY,
MONT.

DECEMBER 18, 1920.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state
of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SNYDER, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 15190.]

Your Committee on Indian Affairs favorably reports the above measure without amendment. The bill puts in force an item in the appropriation bill for 1920, donating to the school district in question patent for a block in the Browning town site for school purposes under the agreement that Indian children shall be permitted to attend the school on equal terms with white children.

Favorable report on this bill has been made by the Secretary of the Interior, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, December 14, 1920.

MY DEAR MR. SNYDER: I have the honor to submit herewith a draft of proposed legislation to authorize the issuance of fee patent to school district No. 9, Glacier County, Mont., for block 35 in town site of Browning, Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Mont.

The act of March 1, 1907 (34 Stat. L., 1035-1039), authorized the setting aside of the land for the town site of Browning and for the sale of the town-site lots. No provision, however, was contained in the act for the reservation of any part of said town site for public school purposes.

The following item in the Indian appropriation act was approved February 14, 1920:

"For the expenditure of \$15,000 in part payment for construction of a public school building within the town site of Browning, Mont., on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation: *Provided*, That Indian children shall at all times be admitted to said public school on an entire equality with white children."

I am informed that the school district has erected a \$60,000 building on said site. I believe the proposed legislation is a step in the right direction and that the result to be obtained, in the event of its passage, will be in the interest of the Indians as well as the public generally.

In order, however, that the Indian children may not be deprived of the right to attend the public school on an equal footing with white children, a clause to that effect is contained in the draft of proposed legislation, and I shall be glad to see it enacted into law.

Cordially yours,

JOHN BARTON PAYNE,
Secretary.

HON. HOMER P. SNYDER,
*Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs,
House of Representatives.*

Your committee therefore recommends that the bill do pass.

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